

**D. Remarks**

In the above-noted Office Action, the claims were either rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Smith, et al, or were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Smith, et al as applied, and further in view of Reuter. With this amendment, Applicants have amended independent claims 21 and 34. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully

Applicants provide a bowling table and scoring unit assembly which does not occupy valuable table or floor space adjacent the bowling lanes, thereby freeing the area for an improved traffic pattern that does not interfere with the use of the table for other purposes.

Applicants also provide an elongated table having first and second extreme ends. A circular aperture is positioned adjacent the first extreme end of the table top. In sharp contrast, Smith, et al provides a table wherein the aperture is adjacent the middle of the table. This configuration is functionally unacceptable in the environment of Applicants' invention. Additionally, Smith, et al does not reveal a bowling table and scoring unit having a pedestal which is more adjacent the second extreme end of the table, but rather has a support (item 14) in the middle. This configuration is also functionally unacceptable in the environment of Applicants' invention.

As best described in Applicants' claim 34, a bowling table and scoring unit assembly is provided, having a support column positioned adjacent to the first extreme end of the table. In sharp contrast, Smith, et al provides a laboratory table wherein the support 14 is in the middle of the table. This configuration is also functionally unacceptable in the environment of Applicants' invention.

The Examiner has objected to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83. New informal Figures 12 and 13 are included with this Amendment.

With this Amendment, Applicants have shown that the Examiner's rejections are respectively traversed. As the application is otherwise in condition for allowance, such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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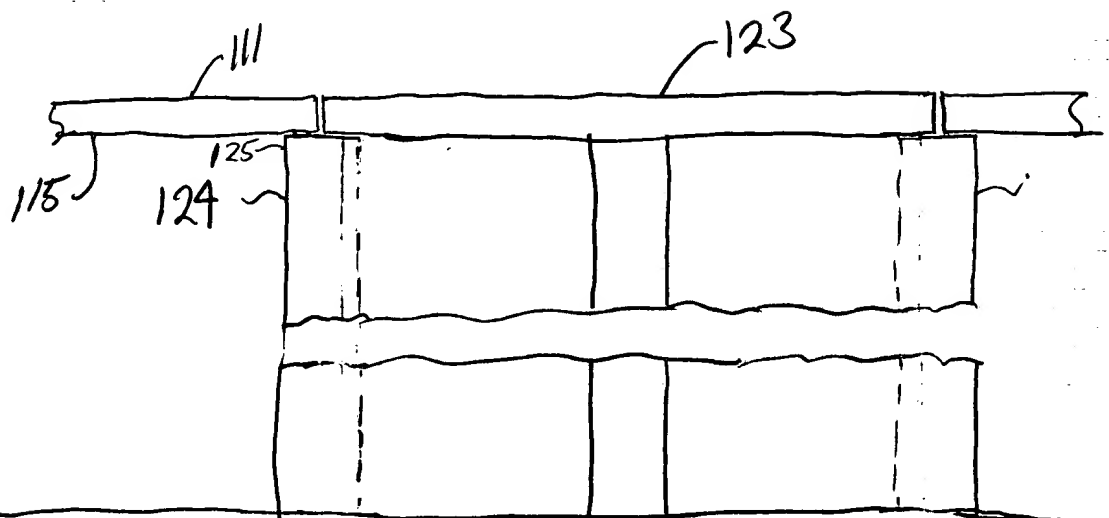
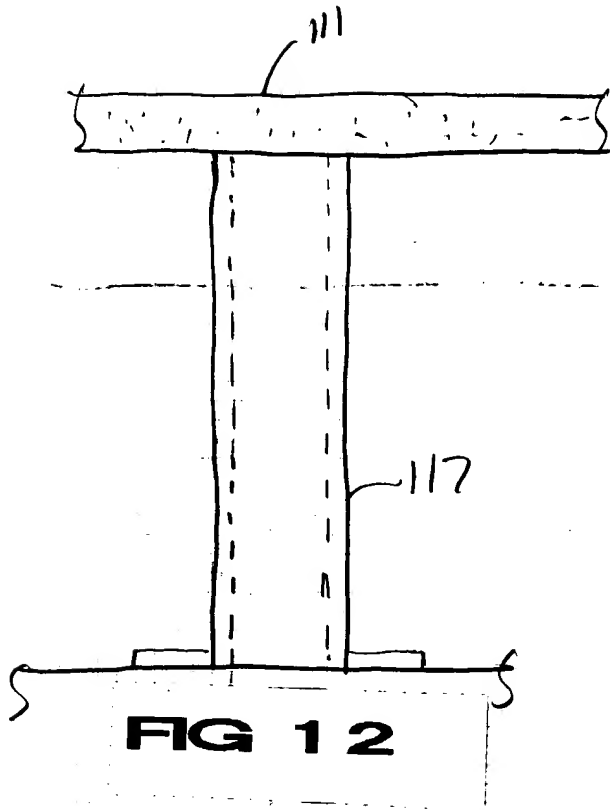


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